the I.O.C. that it had indulged in restrictive unfair trade practices by supplying less quantity to consumers by way of hot loading of LDO;

(b) if so, what action has been taken on the management of I.O.C. in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Petroleum Ministry directed the I.O.C. to settle such claims on commercial consideration in a letter dated the 18th September, 1989;

(d) whether the I.O.C. complied with these directions; and

(e) if so, how many claims from the consumers were settled and the amount of compensation paid before 1989 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Two Notices dated 31st August, 1992 and 21st December, 1992 were received by IOC from the MRTP Commission regarding the complaint made by the National Council for Civil Liberties on hot-loading of LDO.

(b) IOC have sent detailed reply to the allegations. The matter is still before the MRTP Commission.

(c) to (e) The matter was examined in consultation with the IOC and it has been decided by the Government to allow TVA on LDO with effect from 25-9-92. As TVA has been allowed from the date of order by the Government, i.e., 25-9-92, no prior claims have been considered.

Allocation of the Central Road Fund

*155. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what action has since been taken to implement the 1988 resolution adopted by both Houses of Parliament, to raise the allocation to the Central Road Fund and to release the fund money to the States accordingly, and

(b) what are the reasons for delay and difficulties if any, faced in implementing the said resolution ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) No final decision on the implementation of New Resolution on augmentation of Central Road Fund adopted by Parliament on 13-5-88, has been taken so far. Due to budgetary constraints, the matter is still under consideration of the Government.

Linking of Chandigarh with Sirsa-Hissar by Rail

*156. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that due to non availability of train service between Uklana and Narwana Chandigarh remains cut off and is not linked with Sirsa and Hissar;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to link Chandigarh with Sirsa-Hissar;

(c) the number of super-fast trains to be run on this Route; and

(d) the financial gain likely to accrue to Government by directly linking Chandigarh with West-South Haryana ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. However, Uklana and